

**MULTNOMAH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
PUBLIC COMMENT SIGN-UP SHEET**

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MEETING DATE: 9/11/14

AGENDA # _____ OR NON-AGENDA SUBJECT: _____

FOR: _____ AGAINST: _____

NAME: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION (optional):

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CITY/STATE/ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

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NAME: JOSEPH WALSH

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Good morning, for the record my name is Joe Walsh and I represent Individuals For Justice. I come before you today with written as well as verbal information and opinion because we think the subject of "Drop Off Centers" is one of the most important things we can do to stop the blood bath that is taking place in our country and county. I know you are all aware that Judge Simon has OK'd the settlement agreement between the city of Portland and DOJ. In that agreement there is a section that talks about the need for police to drop off a person who is suffering a nervous breakdown or is acting in a way that may hurt themselves or others. Usually the call for help to 911 will come from a family member or close friend because they can no longer deal with the symptoms.

This is a very dangerous encounter between paramedics and the person in question, so the police will respond to the call also; guns and bizarre behavior do not mix. I asked about other numbers that one would call if a person is acting in a strange way and you want to help and was told that 911 was the only number you can call. Once you make the call you lose any control of the situation and are dependent on the actions of the paramedics and police. What happens if all goes well and your loved one or friend is taken into custody is dependent on where the police take the patient, jail or a drop off center and that is point here, there is no drop off center being utilized by the Portland Police. It is in the settlement agreement but yet remains what some call "Aspirational." We must have more than one, but one would be a good start. To not create just one is most disturbing and we come today to express our hope that one of you will take this up and make sure we have a fully funded place to take a person in distress and not lock them up. The following radio interview is informative in the sense it shows the different perceptions offered by DOJ, AMA, and the IPR representatives talking about the settlement and what it will mean to the citizens of Portland.

<https://soundcloud.com/thinkoutloudoph/reacting-to-the-portland>

We hope to see in the future drop off centers that are fully funded and working, the next killing by a police officer is only around the corner and we must act soon!

On September 2, it was reported that a man was shot by police who was in serious mental breakdown:

Man shot on I-84

<http://www.sacbee.com/2014/09/02/6673453/man-shot-by-portland-police-on.html>

Police study on mental illness

<http://www.pdx.edu/cpsa/sites/www.pdx.edu.cpsa/files/MH%20Report%20Final.pdf>

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MEETING DATE: 11 Sept MMXIV

AGENDA # _____ OR NON-AGENDA SUBJECT: (opening) Communication

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NAME: Charles JOHNSON

CONTACT INFORMATION (*optional*):

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